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News worth sharing.

Golden. Swan

▶ Natalie Portman poses with her award for best performance by an actress in a motion picture (drama) for Black Swan in the press room at the 68th Annual Golden Globe Awards held at The Beverly Hilton hotel yesterday in Beverly Hills, Calif. More Golden Globe coverage, page 12.

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Portman wins statue for Black Swan

An open door to distortion?

CRTC proposes giving TV and radio stations more leeway to broadcast false or misleading news ◐ Changes would enable more U.S.-style political coverage: Expert

The CRTC is proposing a ban on the broadcast of "any news that the licensee knows is false or misleading and that endangers or is likely to endanger the lives, health or safety of the public."

Current regulations contain a blanket prohibition on broadcasting "any false or misleading news."

The CRTC quietly posted notice of the proposed change, which is slated to go into effect Sept. 1, on its website last week.

Michael Geist, a University of Ottawa law professor, says the proposed prohibition is far too limited.

"If we're setting a high standard that you've got to actually endanger someone's life, health or safety, frankly almost anything that's false or misleading that's obviously outside of that fairly narrow scope would be fair game," Geist said.

Geist finds it ironic that the CRTC wants to limit the scope of the prohibition on false or misleading news in Canada just as debate is raging over the impact of venomous, often grossly distorted, political discourse on the U.S. airwaves.

U.S. law refers to knowingly broadcasting false news that causes "substantial public harm" — a phrase that Geist said can be interpreted relatively broadly.

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The Google of Canada's history

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'Tiger Mom' causes a roar

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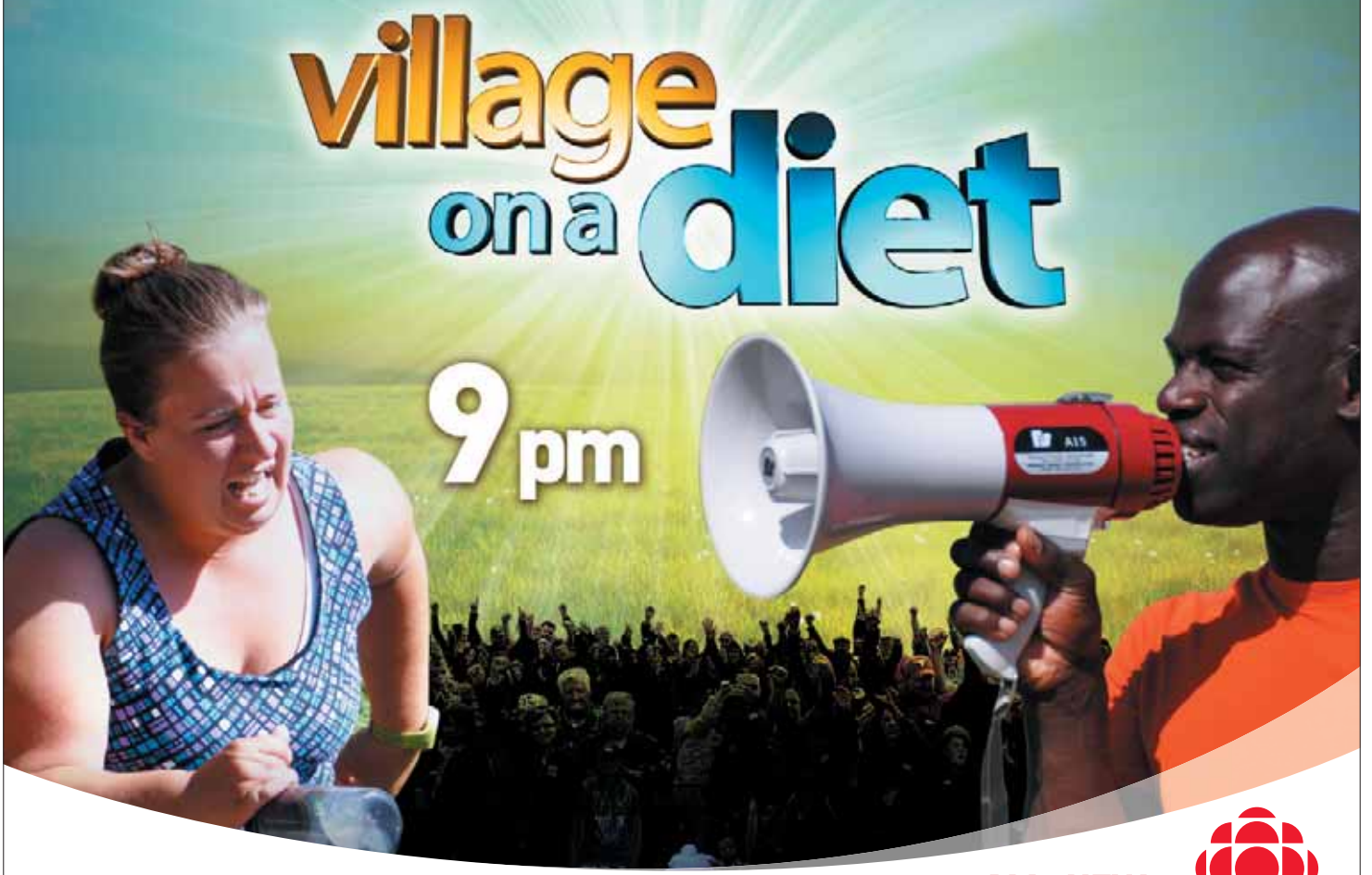

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Winds continue to cool Ontario

Ontarians will have to bundle up today as southwesterly winds bring more cold weather.

The mercury is expected to plunge between –20 C and –25 C today in the Toronto and Barrie areas.

Toronto is expected to extend an extreme cold weather alert issued Saturday.

The city sends out the alerts when the temperature drops below –15 C, with or without the windchill.

The forecast shows a low-pressure system will bring snow and freezing rain to parts of southern Ontario tomorrow.

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Correction

Condolence book for Ryan

OFFICER. The Canadian Press erroneously reported Thursday that a book of condolence for the family of Sgt. Ryan Russell was available for signing at Toronto City Hall.

In fact, the condolence book for the police officer killed trying to stop a stolen snowplow is located at Toronto Police Services headquarters at 40 College St. and will be available for signing 24 hours a day up until the funeral.

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▶ Police and the public line up to pay their respects to Sgt. Ryan Russell at Jerrett Funeral Home on Yonge Street in Thornhill.

Slain officer honoured

Funeral will be held tomorrow at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

The lineup was long, the cold was biting and most of them didn't know Sgt. Ryan Russell personally, but hundreds of people turned out yesterday to pay their respects to the family of the Toronto police officer killed while trying to stop a stolen snowplow.

Russell's wife, now a single mother to their two-year-old son, was said to be comforted by the show of support from police officers, other emergency responders and members of the public.

"Mrs. Russell is a very brave woman," said Toronto Police Services Board chairman Alok Mukherjee.

"She has been strengthened by the support that she has received from all across the service and all across the community."

Russell, 35, was crushed by the stolen snowplow early Wednesday morning and died of his injuries soon after in hospital.

Richard Kachkar, 44, is charged with first-degree murder in Russell's death and remains in hospital recovering from being shot during his arrest.

Visitation

▶ Visitation for Sgt. Ryan Russell continues for a second day today at the Jerrett Funeral Home in Thornhill from 3 to 7 p.m.

A lineup for Russell's visitation in Thornhill began to form well before it was set to begin at 1 p.m. despite an extreme cold weather alert issued by the City of Toronto for the Greater Toronto Area.

Gloveless hands were rendered immobile within minutes of exposure, wind that sometimes whipped through the crowd chilled people to the bone, but no complaints could be heard.

"They do a tremendous job," local resident Peter DeGroote said of the police. "We have to do our part to show our support because they put their lives on the line every single day."

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▶ A group of students works on its project during the Toronto Qualifying Rally of the Construction Challenge that was held Saturday at Lakeshore Collegiate Institute.

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Students aim to nail competition

Student teams from across the region took part in the Construction Challenge, which promotes careers in the construction industry. It was the only Canadian regional competition to qualify for the international final. The top 24 teams from regional qualifiers go to the final in March in Las Vegas.

D'oh! Moving beer ain't easy

- **Six huge beer tanks left Hamilton harbour Jan. 7**
- **Trip to brewery was only meant to take four nights**

There are few things Canadians love more than an epic beer story.

That sentiment, however, is likely not shared by the people travelling with six massive beer tanks on the final stretch of an overdue journey to the Molson Coors brewery. The convoy and its 75 staff did not reach the brewery as scheduled early yesterday morning, hampered by cold weather and unforeseen complications with wires along the route.

"That's it, that's all," said Frank DeVries of Challenger Motor Freight, the company orchestrating the move, shortly after 3 a.m. yesterday. The decision to stop was based on multiple factors, he said.

"The wire work took longer than we had all anticipated it would. It was a combination of the cold, snow. We had some wires we had to lay on the ground and cover with ramps ... the ramps were sliding out so that took some time," said DeVries.

If all had gone according to plan the six 43,500-kilogram beer tanks would have reached the brewery between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m.

The height of the tanks (8.2 metres once you factor in the truck beds) meant moving hundreds of traffic lights, manoeuvring around more than 1,600 services wires and operating the convoy at night to cause the least amount of disruption to drivers.

Last night a cold weather alert also made it more difficult to work, said DeVries.

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Cops looking for shooting suspects

Toronto police said they are looking for suspects after a man was shot early yesterday.

Officers were called to Donlands subway station near Danforth Avenue and Donlands Avenue at 1:56 a.m., and found an 18-year-old victim outside.

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"It's more Google-like," said Ron Walker, executive director of Canadiana.org, the organization that is spearheading the portal initiative.

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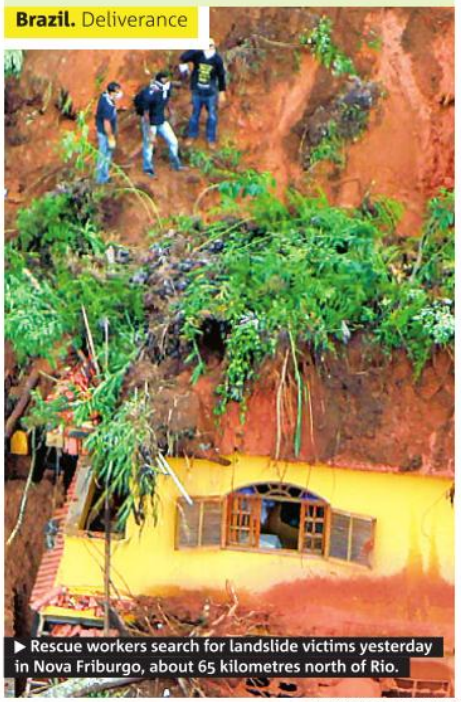

▶ Rescue workers search for landslide victims yesterday in Nova Friburgo, about 65 kilometres north of Rio.

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It's a hard rain falling

A break in near constant rain yesterday allowed Brazilian rescue helicopters to deliver desperately needed food and water to mudslide victims.

Avalanche kills two in Alberta

Two people are dead after being caught in an avalanche in Kananaskis Country, about 135 kilometres south of Calgary.

RCMP say the two men were in the Burstall Pass area of Peter Lougheed Provincial Park Saturday when they were swept away.

Emergency crews recovered the victims yesterday. Police are withholding their identities until next of kin has been notified. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Whiteout

- **B.C. snowslide:** In Fernie, B.C., seven people were caught up in an avalanche Saturday but no one was killed. One man was treated for a leg injury.
- **Conditions ripe:** Rising temperatures combined with strong winds and lots of snow create high risk for an avalanche, according to the Alberta government's backcountry avalanche report.

Mountie could face assault rap

An outside police force brought in to investigate a violent arrest caught on tape has recommended an assault charge against a B.C. RCMP officer.

Abbotsford police have concluded their investigation of the Jan. 7 arrest of Buddy Tavares, 51, in Kelowna. Police were called after reports of shots fired at Harvest Golf Course, where Tavares said his employer had asked him to use the gun to scare off geese.

The video, taped by a bystander, shows Tavares getting out of his truck with his hands in the air as both officers have their guns drawn. One officer kicks the man in the face.

Police have not named the officer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Arizona shooting victim arrested

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James Eric Fuller, 63, was arrested on disorderly conduct and threat charges and taken for a psychiatric exam.

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Secession vote may split Sudan

Exhausted poll workers posted the first preliminary results from Southern Sudan's weeklong independence referendum yesterday, and an Associated Press count of a small sampling of the returns showed a huge vote for secession.

Sudan's south ended its independence vote Saturday, a vote most everyone believes will split Africa's largest country in two at the divide between Sudan's Muslim north and Christian and animist south. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tunisia struggles to regain stability

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▶ Two men try to remove a torn photo of former Tunisian president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali yesterday in the centre of Tunis. Tunisia sped toward a new future after its iron-fisted leader fled, with an interim president sworn in and ordering the first multi-party government to be formed.

- Clashes break out across capital
- More than 50 people arrested

Tunisian authorities struggled to restore order yesterday, arresting the top presidential security chief and trying to stop gunfights that erupted across the capital. One clash broke out near Tunisia's main opposition party building, another by the dreaded Interior Ministry.

Observers worldwide were looking to see which way the North African country would turn as its new leadership sought to tamp down the looting, arson and random violence that has erupted since autocratic President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali fled to Saudi Arabia Friday.

Tensions appeared to be mounting between Tunisians buoyant over Ben Ali's departure and his loyalists, who could be losing major perks. Tunisian police arrested the head of the presidential guard and dozens of others, some suspected in drive-by shooting attacks at buildings and people in the capital, Tunis.

To cheers and smiles, some residents of Tunis tore down massive portraits of Ben Ali that were omnipresent during his reign, hanging on lampposts and billboards, gazing down over shops and hotels. Some stretched several storeys high.

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In short supply

- Some gas stations and stores reopened yesterday, but most shops remained closed and bread and milk were running short.
- The Tunis port had been closed since Friday.

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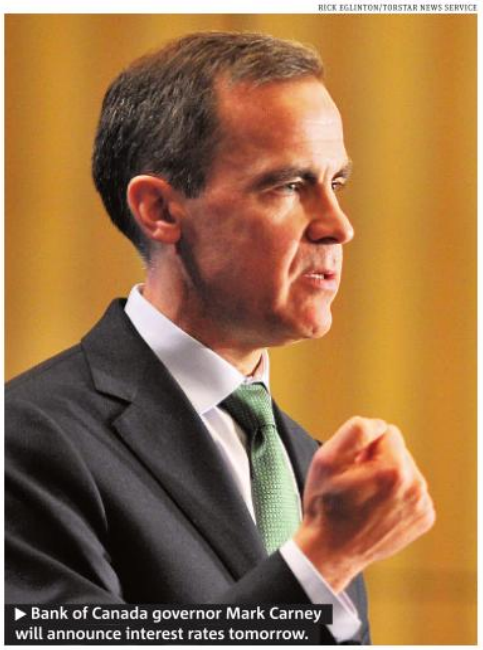


▶ Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney will announce interest rates tomorrow.

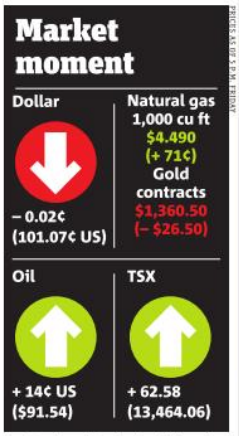
But Bank of Canada uncomfortable with rates at low levels, says analyst

The Canadian dollar could find lift from the Bank of Canada's announcement on interest rates tomorrow while stock markets will take their cue this week from corporate America and fourth-quarter earnings.

There is little doubt that the Bank of Canada will continue to keep its key interest rate unchanged at one per cent. But the currency, which has been slightly above parity all during January, could find increased buying interest depending on what the central bank says about economic conditions and raising rates during 2011.

"Beyond the January meeting, there is a ton of debate. I've never actually seen anything quite like the spectrum of forecasts we have at this point," said Doug Porter, deputy chief economist at BMO Capital Markets.

The central bank raised rates early in 2009, but quit after three consecutive quarter-point hikes as the Canadian economy started to weaken late in the summer. It is also ahead of the U.S. Federal Reserve, which has no plans to raise rates from near zero this year.



It also finds itself in the strange position of having its key rate well below the rate of inflation.

"So, in the longer term the bank is simply not comfortable with rates at these very low levels," said Porter.

"But the conundrum or dilemma is that they're dealing with a situation where our largest trading partner, the U.S., is in an absolute zero rush to raise interest rates and as (Bank of Canada governor) Carney himself has said, there's only so much the bank can separate itself from the Federal Reserve."

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All that glitters isn't gold

A new diamond mine in Canada's North is again in front of regulators after a recovery in international markets for the sparkly objects of desire.

Diamond miner De Beers recently filed an environmental assessment for its long-awaited $600-million Gahcho Kue project and says it could begin production from the mine in 2014.

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LOOKING FOR A VISION IN THE NEW YEAR

Urban Compass

CAROLYN MORRIS

It's mid-January, which likely means gyms are full and cigarette sales are probably down as New Year's resolutions are in full swing.

But Susan Murphy, a 59-year-old Christian with a friendly smile and long, layered auburn hair, doesn't have to worry about keeping any resolutions.

She spent her New Year's Eve at a spiritual retreat at Toronto's St. John's Convent, along with 34 others. Some were religious, and others felt like forgoing lively parties for a more contemplative experience.

On New Year's Eve morning, the group was told to look back at its year — not only at the bad, but also the good.

Murphy reflected on her decision to leave her steady administrative job in her church in Markham and to move to Toronto to study an expensive master's of divinity in hopes of becoming a spiritual director. She also helped with her mother's health issues and her stepfather's struggle with Alzheimer's. It had been a hard year, but she also recalled how much support she had received from friends.

"We don't do enough looking back," she says. "Sometimes we take for granted all the things we do."

The evening was spent looking ahead. They focused on where they find joy and peace, and how they envision the next year. They could use a symbol or a word to express their vision. They made no resolutions.

"Resolutions stand in front of the real issues," Murphy explains. "When you're quitting smoking, smoking is not the real issue. Maybe you smoke because you're sad, or for some other reason."

One of the exercises was to walk through the prayer labyrinth — a meandering stone path that eventually leads to the centre of a circle and then back out. The idea was to focus on the past year on the way in, at the centre to reflect on what brings you joy, and during the way out to envision the coming year.

Because Murphy, as a resident of the convent's guest house, had the chore of washing the supper dishes, she wasn't quite sure of her vision before getting to the labyrinth. On the way in she heard a cacophony of voices — mostly professors from school.

"It was like being in a large hall, where you hear many different conversations."

As she got to the centre and on the way out, she started filtering out the words, looking for God's voice and her own among the chatter.

She realized that this year she wanted to find her own voice.

"I can be susceptible," she says. She often accepts the opinions of others without thinking of her true beliefs.

And that, she discovered in a meandering maze on a New Year's retreat, would be her vision for 2011.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Work is meant for work

Letters & Tweets

We asked: What do you do when your boss is out of the office?

@Ren_Thompson: I actually get my work done ;)

TORONTO. I work. That's what I'm paid to do. No matter who's in the office, and I'm thankful I have a job. **DAVID HEWITT**

We asked: Which one of your habits do you wish you could break?

@DeeDeeNewell: wish I could be more patient

@dallas_price: biting my fingernails, counting steps as I walk up them, eating chocolate so much and drinking tea everyday.

We asked: What is your favourite time of the day?

TORONTO. I would have to say that the best time of day for me is when I leave my work. There is nothing better than knowing I am heading home to spend time with my boyfriend, calling my mom and dad or chatting via email with my friends. Work is work and no matter how much pressure you get to work long hours (I so know this), nothing feels better than saying, "No, I need to spend time with my loved ones!" Like I said, best time of the day is with people I love! **KELLY PAGLIS**

Focus on the job at hand

Do you think the CRTC's decision on misleading news will impact Canadian media?

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Lee's Palace mural

JORDANA DIVON/FOR METRO

▶ Last November, a few enterprising individuals grabbed discarded chunks of the old Lee's Palace wall, which lay abandoned in a dumpster behind the building.

A year ago, locals let out a cry of protest upon hearing the Lee's Palace mural, perhaps the Annex's most recognizable symbol of '90s nostalgia, would be torn down to accommodate a Big Fat Burrito outpost.

Though most agreed the burrito place was probably a good thing (some of those pre-show lineups are epic), they mourned the loss of the colourful, original mural monsters that had come to signify great live rock. Soon, however, those laments turned into cheers when it was announced that the mural would be repainted by original artist Al Runt. Last spring the new wall debuted, wilder and brighter than ever. **JORDANA DIVON**

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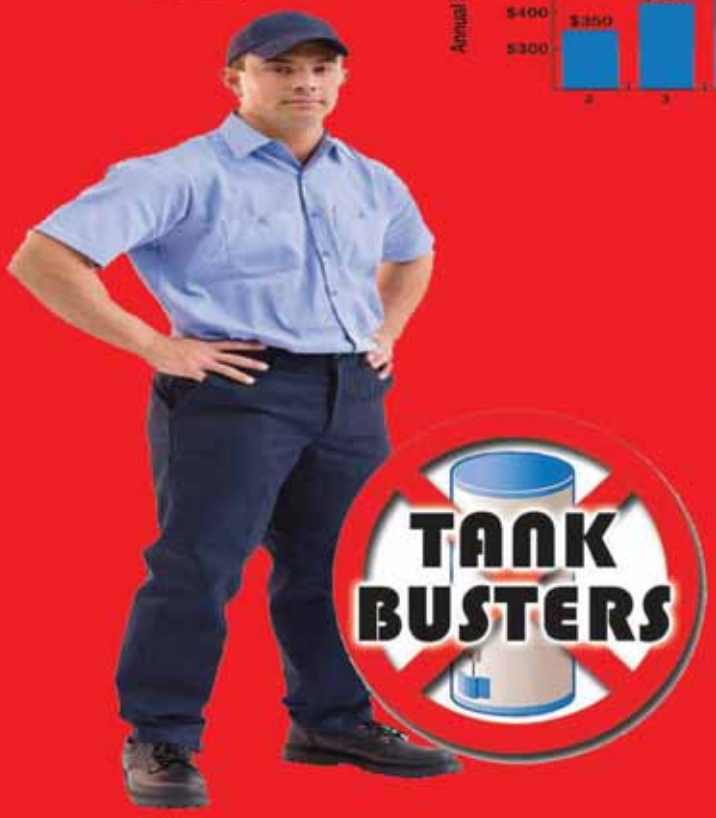

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Social Network takes top prize

Some people really know how to throw a party.

Each year the Hollywood Foreign Press Association brings the top stars from TV and film to a booze-soaked, black-tie dinner, invites them to catch up with colleagues as they collect accolades for their work, then puts the whole thing on TV as the Golden Globe Awards.

Last night's 68th annual ceremony unfolded at the Beverly Hilton Hotel's International Ballroom, where hundreds of stars, from Jane Fonda to Justin Bieber, took part in one of Hollywood's hottest parties of the year.

The Facebook tale The Social Network took the top honours at the Golden Globes with four prizes, including best drama and director, solidifying its prospects as an Academy Awards favourite.

Winning the dramatic lead-acting prizes were Colin Firth for the British monarchy saga The King's Speech and Natalie Portman for the psychosexual thriller Black Swan.

"It's going to be a night of partying and heavy drinking. Or as Charlie Sheen calls it — breakfast."
HOST RICKY GERVAIS IN HIS OPENING MONOLOGUE

Lead-acting honours for the Globes' musical or comedy categories went to Annette Bening for the lesbian-family story The Kids Are All Right and Paul Giamatti for Barney's Version, based on a novel by Canadian author Mordecai Richler. In his speech Giamatti thanked the Richler family. He also gave a shout out to the film's "incredible" crew in Montreal, where the film was shot.

"An incredible beautiful city which I dream about," Giamatti said. "An incredible place in a great nation, Canada. And I salute the great nation of Canada."

The boxing drama The Fighter earned both supporting actor Globes, for Christian Bale and Melissa Leo.

Katey Sagal and Steve Buscemi both won their first Golden Globes for top actors in television dramas, with Buscemi's Prohibition-era Boardwalk Empire on HBO also honoured as TV's best drama.

"I hope we do it for years and years and years," said Buscemi.

Boardwalk Empire won on its first year on the air, beating Mad Men, which had won the last three top drama awards.

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▶ Dicky Eklund, portrayed by Christian Bale in The Fighter reacts to Bale's Golden Globe win.

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▶ Katey Sagal took home a Golden Globe for best actress in a dramatic TV series for her role in Sons of Anarchy.

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▶ Ricky Gervais hosted the Golden Globes last night and took shots at Hollywood bigwigs, including introducing Bruce Willis as Ashton Kutcher's father.

▶ Angelina Jolie was nominated for a Golden Globe for her role in The Tourist.

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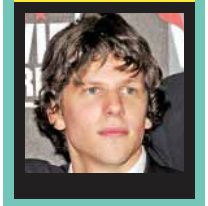

The Social Network keeps making friends, winning the Critics' Choice award for best picture and three other prizes.

But Inception led all films Friday night with six awards total, all in technical categories.

Best actor went to Colin Firth for his portrayal of King George VI, who overcame a stammer with the help of an unconventional speech therapist, in The King's Speech, while Natalie Portman won best actress for playing a ballerina who descends into madness in Black Swan.

The Social Network, which chronicles the origin of Facebook, also won for David Fincher's direction, Aaron Sorkin's adapted screenplay and the score from Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross.

The boxing drama The Fighter won in three categories: Supporting actor Christian Bale, supporting actress Melissa Leo and best ensemble.

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Giving Golden gifts to the stars

As awards season ramps up, so do swag suites

Awards season is gifting season in Hollywood, and on Golden Globes weekend, swag suites are almost as common as celebrity sightings.

At least half a dozen such suites intended to lavish stars with gowns, jewels, vacations and other luxury fare were bustling around town in advance of last night's Globes ceremony.

Guests at GBK's gift lounge walked away with a weeklong trip to a health retreat in Africa.

Visitors to the HBO Luxury Lounge were given designer handbags and gym memberships.

Another suite offered diamonds and trips to Fiji.

DPA's World Experience Gift Lounge at the L'Ermitage Hotel offered trips to Bora Bora, handmade handbags, Diane Von Furstenberg sunglasses, party dresses, cologne and more.

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▶ Jennifer Love Hewitt

Sylvain Orebi, president of Kusmi Tea, is expanding his company from Paris to the United States, and he says presenting his green tea blends at a Golden Globes suite makes good business sense.

"We get to meet a lot of people this way," he says. "We need ambassadors (for our product), and all the people who come to the suite become ambassadors."

Other suites specialize in red-carpet jewelry — StyleLab's is staffed with an onsite expert to provide insight on the baubles and gems.

Roger Neal's Ultimate Beauty Suite offers pampering services to stars, from manicures and foot rubs to massages and facials.

Visitors leave with a swag bag filled with vacation vouchers, skin care products and other treats.

Adam Lambert and Jennifer Love Hewitt are among those taking part in the beauty treatments, Neal says, adding that offering such services helps distinguish his suite.

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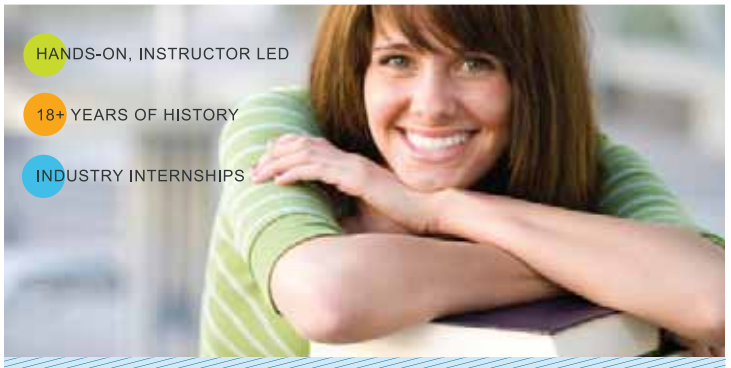

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▶ Rachel Thevenard, left, James Newman and Sofa Black D'Elia star in the new series Skins.

Sex, drugs and teens

Controversial U.K. series won't tame down for North American viewers

The location is different, the actors are new, some characters have changed and storylines will diverge, but one thing that persists in the American version of the British hit Skins is a frank depiction of sex, drugs and teenagers, says creator Bryan Elsley.

The man behind one of the U.K.'s most controversial TV series says the edgy fare that drew outrage and fans abroad is maintained for a North American makeover that debuts today.

Hitting Skins

▶ In Canada, the 10-part drama airs on The Movie Network and Movie Central.

He explains that teen life is pretty much the same on both sides of the pond.

"I don't know how America will react to the stories in Skins," Elsley says in a recent interview from the Toronto set.

"What I do know is that the show reflects some of the highs and lows of being a teenager today. That does involve drug use, of course it does. On Skins, we don't really think the show is about drugs — we think the show is about friendship and we think that all the characters in the show are very moral people. It's just that their morals are maybe not quite the same as adults."

Days before its debut, Skins had already drawn the ire of a U.S. parents group angry it was being marketed to a teenage audience. The Canada-U.K. co-production was developed in association with MTV U.S., where it airs south of the border.

As in the original, Skins centres on nine teenage friends. And as in the original Skins, the stories here are shaped by an advisory panel of teens who peruse the scripts and offer true-to-life tips on the proper slang or a character's bedroom decor.

Music supervisor Matt Feldman is just 18.

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'Domestic' life for Denton

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▶ James Denton

In seven seasons, Desperate Housewives has gone from red hot media phenomena to just another successful TV show. All of which is OK with series regular James Denton.

"We're flying a bit under the radar now, which is fine with me," says Denton, who plays Mike Delfino on the series.

"I get recognized more often on the street these days because we've been on so long. But there's no longer that crazy, 'Oh my God!' screaming anymore."

Denton says the show's instant success in 2004 proved especially hard on the leading ladies in the cast.

"We were so hot. It was crazy. We went to London to do some press and it was like we were The Beatles. We couldn't go anywhere."

Not that the series has exactly faded away. It's still a solid hit that likely won't see its demise till it's good and ready.

"We're very lucky. We're not worried about whether the show is going to be cancelled all the time. We'll be on as long as (series creator) Marc Cherry wants us to be on."

Denton notes his own character has undergone quite a change over the seasons — transforming from sexy mystery hunk to a more reliable suburbanite.

"First season, it was all like — is he a bad guy? Is he a cop? Now it's not nearly as sexy. He's more domestic."

Denton laughs that he's just happy to still be on the show — noting Desperate Housewives' penchant for doing away with its characters.

"We kept a list of all the characters that were killed off and I think it's at 36 or 37 now," he says.

A side gig for Denton these days is playing guitar with The Band From TV, a touring celebrity charity group that also includes Adrian Pasdar (Heroes) and Hugh Laurie (House). The band will perform at Fallsview Casino from February 19 to the 21.

Desperate Housewives airs Sundays on CTV.

Rescue Me set for finale

The FX firefighters' drama Rescue Me will end its seven-year run less than a week before the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

FX President John Landgraf said Saturday that the Sept. 6 finale date was chosen intentionally.

The series, with Denis Leary as the star and co-creator, is a story about New York firefighters dealing with the grief of losing friends and relatives in the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center.

"It seemed appropriate not to air it on the day," he said, "because there are more solemn and appropriate things to do on the day. The weeks surrounding the day seemed to be the appropriate place to do it."

The end of the series will deal on some level with a catharsis that comes at the end of the grieving period, he said.

Landgraf said the series has been a real milestone for FX, which has only been around as a television network for a decade. Its quality and distinctiveness set a tone, he said.

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▶ Denis Leary

TV Pick

Piers Morgan landed the ultimate interview for the first episode of his new prime-time talk show, which is replacing Larry King Live. Morgan will sit down with Oprah Winfrey on the inaugural edition of Piers Morgan Tonight, which airs tonight on CNN. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Focusing on the missing

HLN's Grace putting spotlight on missing people for next two months

HLN's Nancy Grace today will launch two months' worth of special programs on missing persons, hoping prime time attention can loosen fresh clues in some cases that are as much as 20 or 30 years old.

Nancy Grace: America's Missing will air 50 separate cases on 50 weekdays at 9 p.m. ET, following Grace's regular nightly program.

Grace said it's often frustrating on her show when a missing persons case is covered that it often gets quickly shoved aside when something new comes up.

"Anything that can move a case forward to me would be worth it," she said. "If a case gets solved that would be like a blessing from heaven."

Her effort starts today with the story of 10-year-old Lindsey Baum, from Washington state, who was last seen leaving a friend's house in June 2009.

The majority of the cases involve children or teenagers, but not all: Grace will talk about a 27-year-old television anchorwoman from Iowa who has been missing since 1995, for example.

Grace said she's not naive enough to think that many, or any, of the missing people will be discovered alive through the attention paid on her show. But she said if information can be uncovered that would lead to closure for a suffering family, that would be valuable. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Helping hand

- Nancy Grace's focus on missing people has sometimes borne fruit. In December, San Francisco police arrested a man found panhandling with a 12-year-old girl who had been abducted from Virginia. Police said a witness reported she had recognized the two from Grace's show.

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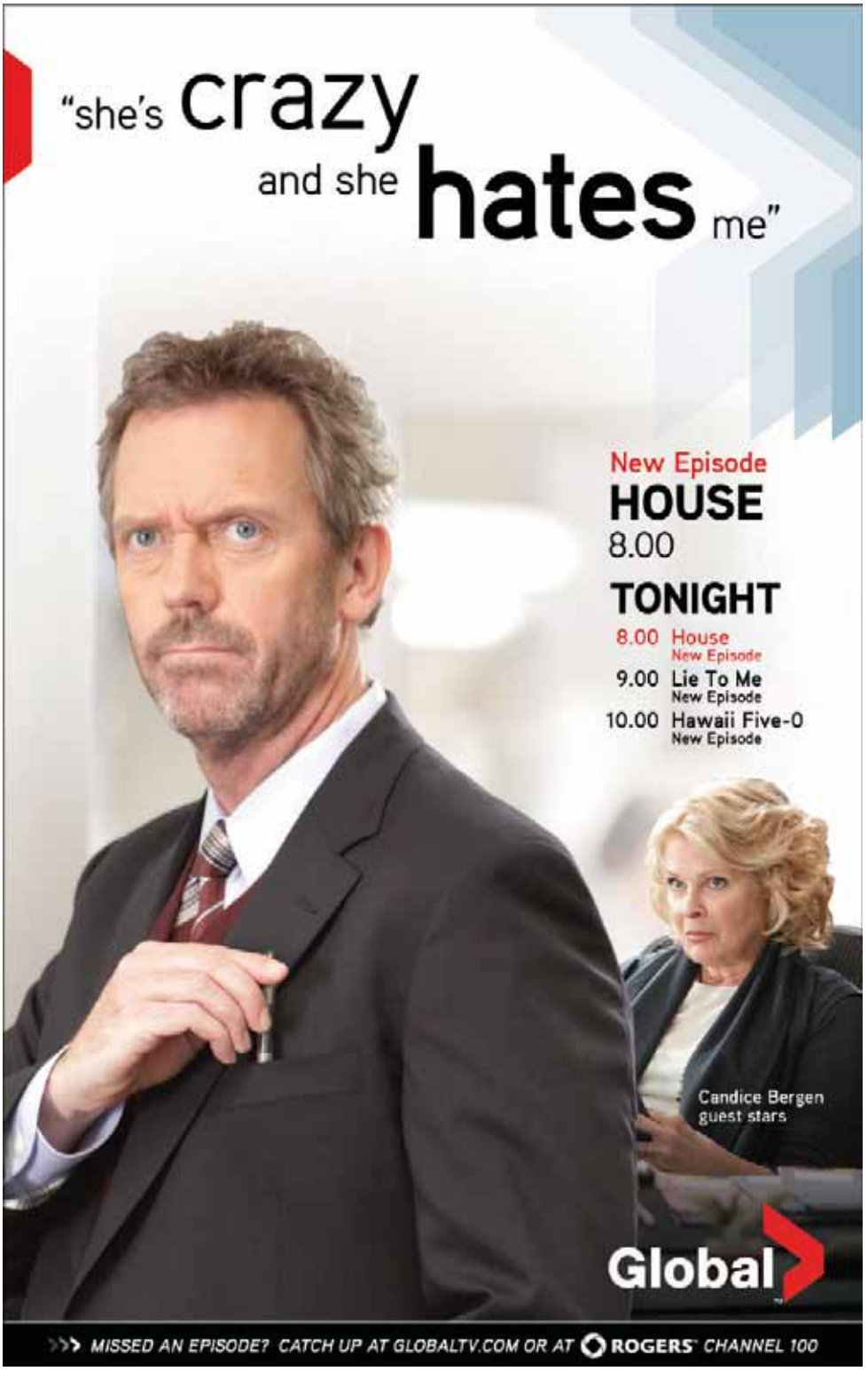
▶ Nancy Grace



Surprise! It's a Little Wilson for Owen

Actor had kept pregnancy and relationship with girlfriend out of spotlight until recently

Owen Wilson is a dad. The actor and his girlfriend, Jade Duell, welcomed their first child, a boy, in Hawaii over the weekend, according to Us Weekly.

The Little Fockers star had kept both the pregnancy and his one-year relationship with Duell under wraps until a week ago. "Owen has had many girlfriends under the radar who no one knew about," a source says.

"He may have dated high-profile women like actress Kate Hudson and musician Sheryl Crow, but that is not the norm for him. He likes regular people." METRO

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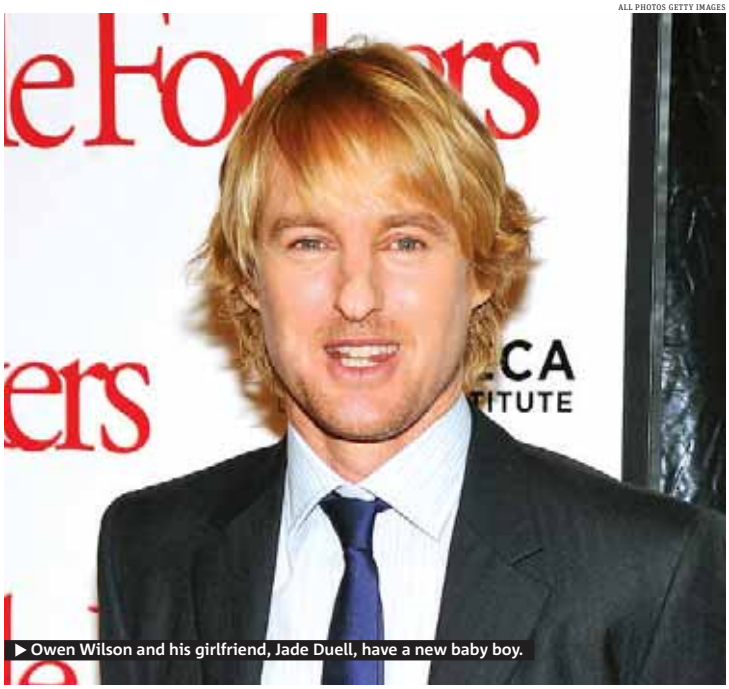
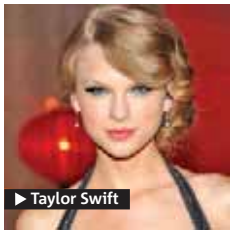


Owen Wilson and his girlfriend, Jade Duell, have a new baby boy.



Taylor Swift

Taylor singing the blues?

When Jake Gyllenhaal broke up with Taylor Swift, he reportedly did so over the phone, according to Us Weekly. "Taylor is really upset and hurt," a source says. "She doesn't know what she did for him to just put a stop to it. She feels really burned by him."

The phone call in question is said to have come right before the People's Choice Awards. "She was not her usual bubbly, over-animated self," the source says of Swift at the event. "She didn't eat anything, seemed very sad and definitely wasn't having a good time." METRO

Talking points

Lohan possibly in the clear

Lindsay Lohan's worries about her scuffle in rehab with former Betty Ford Clinic employee Dawn Holland last month may be over, as Holland isn't interested in further legal action, according to TMZ.

"I do not desire Ms. Lohan prosecuted for the events of December 12, 2010," Holland says in a declaration to the district attorney investigating the case. "I will not answer any questions to any policing or prosecutorial agencies regarding the events of December 12, 2010." METRO

Reynolds' new role

While Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds may be dodging romance rumours, Reynolds has reportedly been bonding with Bullock's adopted son, Louis, according to Popeater.

"Sandra loves the idea of Louis having a good male role model in his life," a source says.

"Ryan loves children and has always wanted to be a dad. He would have loved to have had a baby with Scarlett [Johansson], but work always came first." METRO

Ryan Reynolds

Celebrity tweets

Eva Longoria [@evalongoria] Just so everyone knows i still have all my tattoos! Nothing is being removed, although i am always up for more tattoos!

Jessica Alba [@jessicaalba] Every time I fall asleep watching "I Survived" I think "why the heck do I subject myself to this?!?" -I'm addicted. It's a problem.

James Van Der Beek [@vanderjames] Neighbours who were jackhammering at 8am are now partying at 2:30am... I think I'll finish their jackhammering for them... tomorrow at 7am.

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Stacy Jones plays with her dog, Lady, a golden retriever mix whom Jones believes has a subtle sixth sense.

Do your furry friends have a sixth sense?

72 per cent of American dog owners say their pets can feel bad weather, and 47 per cent claim their pets have alerted them of bad news Scientists don't have answers

Lassie could always sense when Timmy was in trouble. Black Beauty knew the bridge was out.

Now two-thirds of American pet owners say they can relate, saying their pets have a sixth sense about bad weather, and 47 per cent say the same about bad news, according to an Associated Press-Petside.com poll.

Seventy-two per cent of dog owners said they've had weather warnings from their pets, compared with 66 per cent of cat owners.

For bad news, 47 per cent of dog owners and 41 per cent of cat owners said they've been alerted by their pets, according to the poll conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs and Corporate Communications.

Pets online

Check out more info about animals and their sixth sense on the web.

- petside.com/sixthsense
- aspca.org
- petsaretalking.com

If a friend or relative comes to the door, Lady, a four-year-old golden retriever mix, doesn't even bother to get up, said Stacey Jones, 50, of Stone Mountain, Ga. But if it's a stranger, she goes on minor alert, she said.

Lady's sixth-sense tendencies are very subtle, said the Atlanta university writer and editor.

But 18 years ago, when Jones was ordered to bed toward the end of her pregnancy, her dog Silver "planted herself next to me and would not leave. She knew something was going on with the baby and it was her job to take care of the baby."

The reason? It's actually hard to know.

"A sixth sense is something we can't explain but we tend to trust. It's a matter of belief and faith," said psychologist Stephanie LaFarge, the senior director of counselling services for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Scientists have suggested animals sense bad weather because of changes in barometric pressure or other factors, LaFarge said, and dogs anticipate seizures, low blood sugar or other medical problems because of hormonal changes.

But they haven't figured out what alerts pets to earthquakes, bad news or other such events — or if it's all just in the eyes of their owners.

Kay Moore, 64, of Loma Linda, Calif., said she gets quake warnings from her dogs, Brie, a yellow Lab and great dane mix, and Lola, a 22-kilo basset hound. "They get very, very hyper," Moore said.

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'Tiger Mom' hears roars of protest but stands by book

A new memoir of bad-ass parenting, Chinese style, from a self-proclaimed tiger mother has unleashed a ferocious roar.

Fallout was swift for Yale law professor Amy Chua after she published a stark essay in The Wall Street Journal describing harsh words and heavy-handed methods she used with her teen daughters.

Her Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother shot to No. 6 in the Amazon sales rankings Tuesday, the day it was released, likely fuelled by angry buzz over the weekend column and a headline Chua had nothing to do with: Why Chinese Mothers are Superior.

Adult offspring of Asian and Asian American immigrants are weighing in on Chua's provocative description of Eastern-style parenting: No sleepovers or playdates; gruelling rote academics; hours of music practice; slurs like "lazy" and "garbage," and threats to burn stuffed animals when things don't go mom's way.

Some see truth and a borderline abuser. Others see dangerous stereotype with the potential to feed China haters and xenophobes. Still others publicly thanked their moms online for similar, though less extreme, methods.

"It's been tough on my kids," Chua said. "They want to speak out over the thing that has hurt me the most, when people say, 'Oh, doesn't that kind of strict parenting produce meek robots?' My daughters could not be further from meek robots."

LARRY D. MOORE

Amy Chua

Chua stands by much of her tiger mom ways: intense attention to academics, for instance. And she has some clarifications: Her girls have had sleepovers and playdates, but they were few and far between. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 life

Rabbit people

Luck is a clear theme when it comes to those born under the Chinese Zodiac sign of the rabbit, says Elizabeth VanderVen, a specialist on Chinese and eastern Asian culture.

"Rabbits are considered to be especially lucky financially," she said, noting some believe rabbits are the luckiest of all signs in the Chinese Zodiac.

That, VanderVen said, could be especially true this year because the 2011 rabbit year corresponds with the element of metal, symbolizing great wealth.

This we can make easy sense of: Alex Rodriguez is a rabbit. Same for Johnny Depp, Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt, Charlize Theron, Drew Barrymore, Enrique Iglesias, George Orwell, Frank Sinatra, Albert Einstein and Leon Trotsky.

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U.S. study shows owners should check for cat stress before euthanizing pet for disease.

Stir-frying offers taste & health benefits

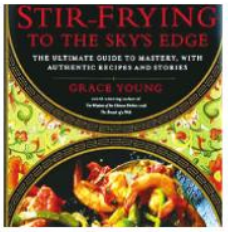
This Chinese technique calls for less oil, more veggies

This year, how about a Chinese New Year's resolution — more stir-frying.

Grace Young, author of Stir-Frying to the Sky's Edge, says this Chinese technique, which involves cooking food quickly over high heat in small amounts of oil, is healthy because it calls for small amounts of meat and fat, but plenty of vegetables.

First, get a good wok or large skillet. Young recommends either a flat-bottom carbon steel wok or stainless-steel wok or skillet.

Next, be sure to heat the pan first, then add the oil, then food. Adding oil to a cold wok and then heating it will cause foods to stick.



In terms of oil, Young says it's important to choose one with a high smoke point, such as peanut or grapeseed.

This recipe for stir-fried crystal shrimp from Young's book is a tasty way to celebrate Chinese New Year. The shrimp are considered to represent happiness and laughter.

Preparation:

1. In a strainer, rinse shrimp. Sprinkle 5 ml (1 tsp) of salt over shrimp, then stir shrimp in a vigorous circular motion for about 1 minute.
2. Rinse shrimp under cold water, shake out excess water. Sprinkle another 5 ml (1 tsp) of salt over shrimp and repeat stirring and rinsing process. Set on paper towels. With more paper towels, pat dry.
3. In a bowl, combine shrimp, egg white and 15 ml (1 tbsp) cornstarch. Stir until cornstarch is dissolved and no clumps are visible. Put shrimp mixture uncovered in the refrigerator for 1 hour.
4. In a saucepan over high heat, bring 1.5 l (6 cups) water to a boil. Add 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the oil to the boiling water. Reduce heat to low. When water is barely simmering, add shrimp, gently stirring so that they do not clump together. Cook until shrimp just turn pink.
5. Carefully drain shrimp, shaking strainer to remove excess water.
6. In a small bowl, combine broth, rice wine, remaining 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cornstarch and pepper. Set aside.
7. Heat a flat-bottomed wok or skillet over high until a bead of water vaporizes within 1 to 2 seconds of contact. Swirl in remaining 15 ml (1 tbsp) oil; add ginger and scallions. Stir-fry for 10 seconds or until ginger and scallions are fragrant.
8. Add shrimp and peas, sprinkle on remaining salt. Stir broth mixture to recombine, then swirl it into wok. Stir-fry until shrimp are just cooked (2 minutes) and sauce just clings to shrimp.

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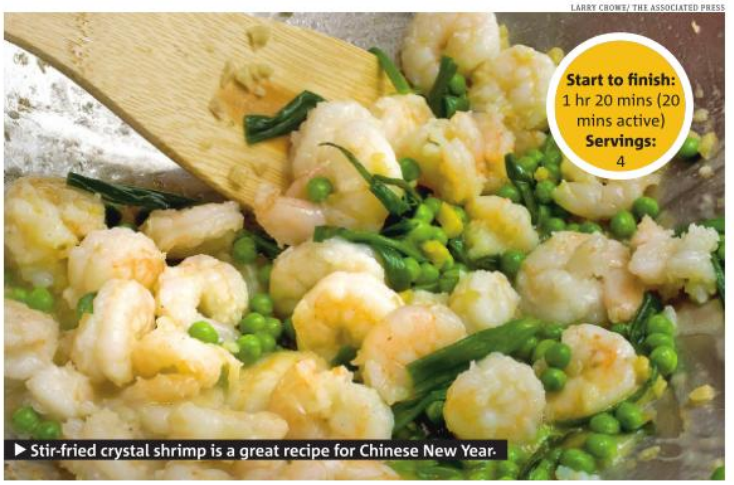

▶ Stir-fried crystal shrimp is a great recipe for Chinese New Year.

Ingredients:

- 500 g (1 lb) large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 11 ml (2 1/4 tsp) salt, divided
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) egg white, lightly beaten (about 1/2 egg white)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) plus 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cornstarch, divided
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) peanut or vegetable oil, divided
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) chicken broth
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Shaoxing rice wine or dry sherry
- 0.5 (1/8 tsp) ground white pepper
- 3 slices ginger, smashed
- 3 scallions, halved lengthwise and cut into 5-cm (2-inch) sections
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) frozen peas, thawed

Making green

Young workers go green in paid environmental internship program
Youth Eco Internship connects thousands of students to jobs

Wherever Britt Aberle ends up working in the future, chances are it won't be for a company that values dollars over environmental sense or human need.

"I think the work that I do in life should contribute to the world in some way," says the 24-year-old Calgarian, who holds a bachelor's degree in social work. "I don't really see myself working anywhere corporate or that doesn't have an environmental, social justice or community focus."

Since December, Aberle has been interning at a bike shop in downtown Calgary as part of a national program that places post-secondary grads in jobs that are environmentally or community minded.

The Youth Eco Internships started in September 2009 as an opportunity for young people aged 15 to 30 to work within the non-profit and community services sector. Last September, a second program was launched for post-secondary graduates up to 30 years old and expanded to include the private sector.

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▶ Judy Murphy stands outside the urban ecology centre where she works as a translator in Montreal. Murphy is part of a YMCA internship program that pairs students with environmentally focused jobs.

The internships have given a number of youth a foot in the door.

At the Montreal Urban Ecology Centre, intern Judy Murphy has just wrapped up an intensive project: translating a 5,000-word report from French into English.

Established in 1996, the non-profit, independent centre is focused on creating sustainable urban development through a variety of projects, including promoting active transport.

Murphy was searching for job opportunities after receiving a certificate in translation from McGill University when an acquaintance mentioned the internship program.

The 24-year-old, who calls her experience at the centre a "one in a million opportunity," jumped at the chance to work in her field while learning about something that affects her everyday life.

"To have opportunities like this is essential to encourage that kind of thought," she says. "We need to be thinking about what's happening to our environment."

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Statistics

It hasn't been announced yet if the program will continue beyond this year. The cost is high but lots are using it.

- **How many?** More than 1,000 interns have taken part in the programs
- **How much?** It has cost about $20.5 million to deliver.

Queen of Green

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HOW TO LIVE CITY GREEN

Are there listings of apartments, houses or even neighbourhoods in the Vancouver area that are particularly efficient and innovative in green ways? *Sarah of Vancouver*

I'm not familiar with a database designed specifically for renters — or buyers for that matter — to locate green homes in a given Canadian city.

However, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified apartment buildings are easier to find.

The Canadian Green Building Council maintains a searchable list of projects currently registered on its website at cagbc.org.

You can search by city and province or by project type, such as low-rise, high-rise, bank, daycare and more.

Keep in mind this will only tell you the name and location of the building and nothing about rental suites available.

While searching for that apartment of your dreams, ask the landlord a few questions to find out how green the building is.

For example:

- Is the suite painted with no- or low-VOC paints?
- Can you compost your food waste?
- Is there a programmable thermostat?
- Are the appliances Energy Star?

Of course, living in a neighbourhood where you can work and play is the key to lowering your environmental footprint (and staying active and saving money).

Using a street address, you can identify how a residence is ranked among the best or worst in terms of walkability.

Visit walkscore.com, enter the street address and see what an area offers in terms of public transportation, libraries, community centres, grocery stores and movie theatres.

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PUPS GIVE A LEG UP ON LIFE

"I was suicidal for three years." Jeff Collins is very honest when he talks about the motorcycle accident that caused the amputation of his leg and left his other limbs severely damaged. But he credits a strong circle of friends and his own determination for pulling him through the dark moments of his recovery.

Unable to find a proper fitting prosthetic, Jeff went to school to learn how he could make them. While working on a plan to start his own business his beloved dog Stash injured her leg. Surgery was too expensive. Jeff was heartbroken until he realized that he could use the human techniques he had learned and make his dog a knee brace. Stash got better and Collins' technology is now used around the world from Australia to Europe.

Today, Jeff Collins celebrates the day that changed his life because it marked a turning point for him and the ground breaking technology he pioneered. It's his patients that give him the most joy. "They look up at me with eyes of gratitude and wagging tails. I'm so happy I can help these animals."

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▶ Jeff Collins, founder of K-9 Orthotics and Prosthetics Inc., poses with two of his dogs.

New careers can be taxing

"Aside from learning a new job or finding a place to live, starting your career means thinking about taxes," explains Cleo Hamel, a senior tax analyst at H&R Block Canada (hrblock.ca). "Making good decisions now can make things easier at tax time, as well as help plan for the future."

The payroll department requires an employee to complete a TD1 Personal Tax Credits Return form. It asks basic questions and determines the amount of federal and provincial tax to be withheld from your paycheque. "Most employees fill out a TD1 form once, but if your tax situation changes you should update that form," says Hamel. "It could reduce your paycheque deductions."

Young Canadians may have extra job-related expenses such as new office clothes and dry cleaning. While these expenses are not a tax deduction, anyone with employment income can claim the Canada Employment Amount, which means about $157 in tax savings.

Employees should keep track of their health-care premiums. Even with an employer benefit plan, many employees pay a monthly amount to fund the program. This can be claimed as a medical expense. The annual payment should be included on your last pay stub of the year. **NEWS CANADA**

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▶ Entering the workforce can have a significant impact on your taxes.

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Make your resumé "interviewable."
Make sure your resumé leads the reader where you want to go in the interview and to stimulate a productive discussion. Feature your selling points and don't devote lots of space to information that is irrelevant to the job you're seeking.

Use the "big" and save the "little."
Focus on the "big" things — new products and technologies, system enhancements, major projects and customers, new applications, sales increases, profit improvements. Then save the "little" stuff — the details — for the interview.

Sell it, don't tell it.
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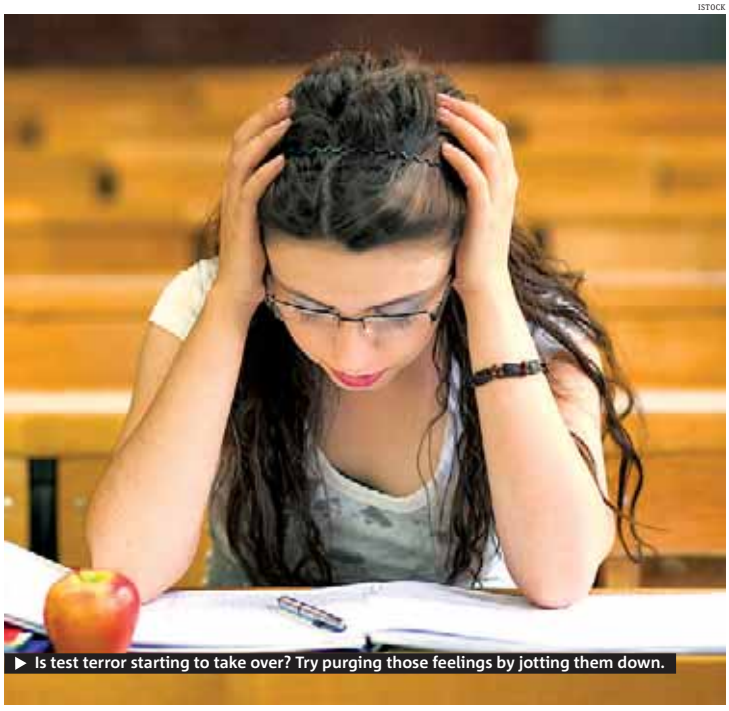

▶ Is test terror starting to take over? Try purging those feelings by jotting them down.

Studies show that a quick free-write before a major test can be the difference between stress and success

A simple writing exercise can relieve students of test anxiety and may help them get better scores than their less anxious classmates, a new study has found.

The report, published in the journal Science, says students who spend 10 minutes before an exam writing about their thoughts and feelings can free up brainpower previously occupied by testing worries and do their best work.

"We essentially got rid of this relationship between test anxiety and performance," said Sian Beilock, an associate professor in psychology at the University of Chicago and co-author of the study with graduate student Gerardo Ramirez.

Psychologists, educators and parents have known for a long time that the way students perform on a test does not necessarily indicate what knowledge they bring to the table. Test anxiety is fairly common in classrooms, especially in the United States because of its "increasingly test-obsessed culture," Beilock said.

Test anxiety can lead to poorer grades and lower scores on standardized tests and college entrance exams, which can condemn talented students to inferior colleges.

The University of Chicago researchers found that students who were prone to test anxiety improved their test grades by nearly one grade point – from a B-minus to a B-plus, for example – if they were given 10 minutes before an exam to write about their feelings.

The researchers tested their hypothesis with college students in a lab setting and with high school students in the classroom, by first gauging the level of test anxiety and then offering the writing intervention to some students.

The researchers believe worrying competes for computing power in the brain's "working," or short-term, memory. If working memory is focused on worrying, it can't help a person recall all the information his brain stored in preparation for the test. It also affects the working memory's ability to stay focused.

Beilock said the idea for the writing exercise came from the use of writing to combat depression.

Expressive writing, in which people write repeatedly about a traumatic or emotional experience over several weeks or months, has been shown to decrease worrying in people who are depressed.

Beilock believes this research is applicable to all kinds of performance anxiety – from giving a speech to interviewing for a job.

"There's a lot we can do to change how we think about the pressures and thus how we perform," she said.

The next stage of the research project, which is supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, will involve a look inside the anxious brain to see how it changes during stressful situations, Beilock said.

She also hopes to develop more interventions to help people perform better during stress. Her lab is looking at how awareness of stereotypes affect the way people perform, such as women and math phobias. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jets boot Patriots out of playoffs

Sanchez completes 16 of 25 passes for 194 yards and 3 TDs

So the Jets weren't all (trash) talk after all.

Now Rex Ryan's rowdy bunch is headed to its second straight AFC championship game after New York backed up its coach's boasts with a 28-21 win yesterday over the Patriots — the team that had the best record in the NFL.

Mark Sanchez threw three touchdown passes and Tom Brady was sacked five times in the most-hyped of the weekend's four post-season games following a week of verbal potshots from both teams.

The Jets led their fierce rival 14-3 at halftime before Brady's two-yard touchdown pass to Alge Crumpler and Sammy Morris' run for a two-point conversion made it 14-11 late in the third quarter. But Sanchez came right back with a seven-yard scoring pass to Santonio Holmes and New York finished the upset with Shonn Greene's 16-yard touchdown run.

The Jets (13-5) kept Ryan's prediction of a Super Bowl appearance alive. New England (14-3) lost its third straight post-season game.

Ryan has said many times that the Jets are a Super Bowl-calibre team, and has irritated fans, opposing players and media with his bold comments. Last week he said the game was a contest between him and Patriots coach Bill Belichick. Then, after Antonio Cromartie called Brady an expletive Tuesday, Ryan said he wouldn't punish his cornerback.

The ultra-serious Belichick wasn't as kind to Wes Welker.

The wide receiver was benched for the Patriots' first series for subtle remarks apparently directed at Ryan. Welker made several references to feet in his news conference Thursday, interpreted by some as a dig at recent foot fetish reports involving Ryan. But when the game ended, Belichick walked slowly to midfield where he met Ryan, patted his conqueror on the back with his left hand and shared some words.

The Jets will face the Pittsburgh Steelers, who topped Baltimore 31-24 Saturday, in the AFC championship game next Sunday night.

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In the NFC

Two of the NFL's most storied franchises get to take their rivalry to a whole new level next weekend when the Chicago Bears host the Green Bay Packers, with the winner earning a trip to the Super Bowl.

- The Bears cruised into the NFC championship game yesterday, beating up the Seattle Seahawks 35-24 at snowy Soldier Field.
- Less than 24 hours earlier, Green Bay advanced with a stunning 48-21 rout of the top-seeded Atlanta Falcons.

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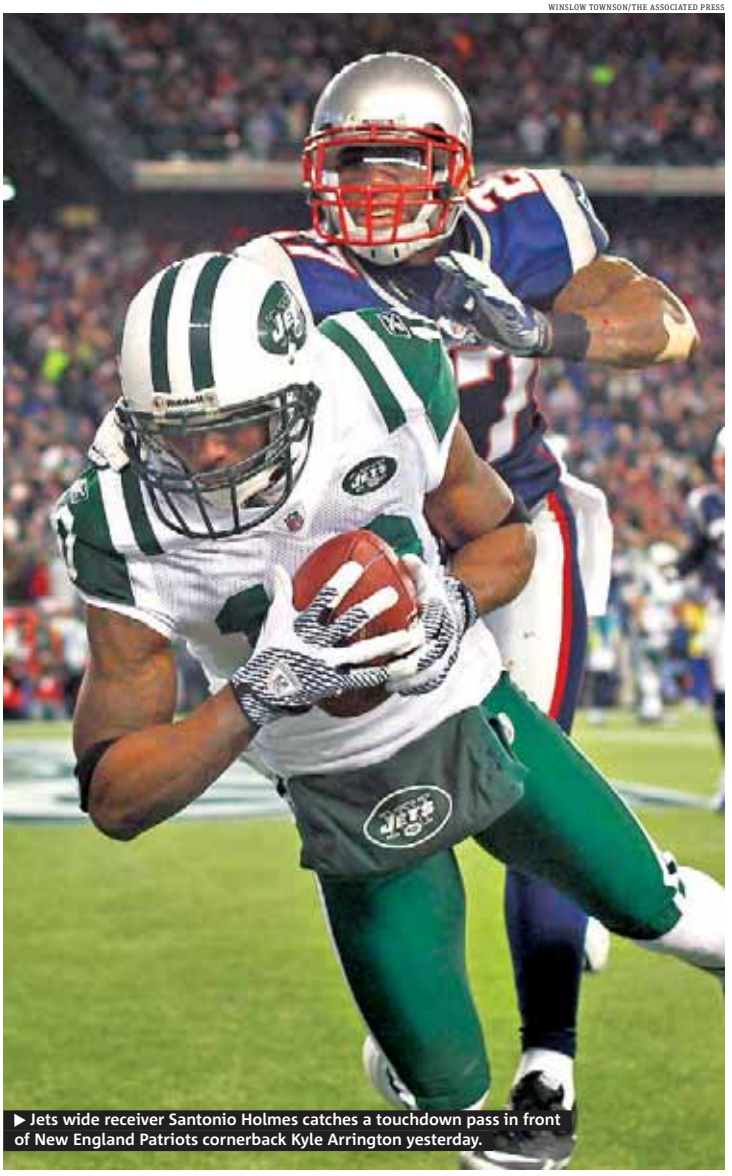

▶ Jets wide receiver Santonio Holmes catches a touchdown pass in front of New England Patriots cornerback Kyle Arrington yesterday.

Reds give Votto a lot of green

Canadian slugger Joey Votto powered the Cincinnati Reds to their first playoff appearance in 15 years, winning the National League MVP award for a breakthrough season.

The first baseman earned a raise, and boy, did he get one.

Votto has agreed to a $38-million US, three-year contract with Cincinnati.

A person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press about the deal yesterday on condition of anonymity because the contract had not yet been announced.

Votto, an Etobicoke native, was a first-time all-star in 2010, finishing second in the NL in batting average at .324 and third in homers (37) and RBIs (113).

He made $525,000 last year and was eligible for arbitration for the first time.

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▶ Joey Votto

Sports in brief

Hamilton out of hospital

MLB. American League MVP Josh Hamilton is out of the hospital.

The Texas Rangers said in a statement that their slugging outfielder was discharged yesterday from the Medical Center of Arlington, five days after he was admitted for treatment of an early case of pneumonia.

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Former Raiders coach files grievance

NFL. Former Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable has filed a grievance to recover $120,000 US that the team fined him during the final year of his contract. The story was first reported by ESPN. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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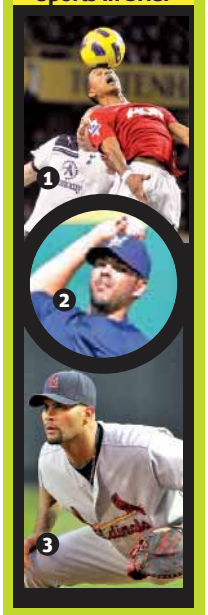

1 Manchester United held Tottenham to a 0-0 draw.

2 Reliever Carlos Villanueva and the Toronto Blue Jays agreed to terms on a $1.415-million US, one-year contract.

3 Albert Pujols' agents have said they will cut off talks with the Cardinals at the start of spring training if an agreement is not in place.

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Carolina	44	22	16	2	4	135	135	50	11-7-1-1	11-9-1-3	6-2-2-0	W1
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Ottawa	46	17	23	4	2	102	142	40	9-13-1-1	8-10-3-1	3-6-0-1	L2
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d-Dallas	45	27	13	1	4	133	118	59	14-6-1-3	13-7-0-1	6-3-0-1	W4
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Minnesota	45	22	18	1	4	113	127	49	11-11-0-2	11-7-1-2	6-4-0-0	W1
San Jose	46	22	19	4	1	132	131	49	11-10-2-1	11-9-2-0	2-8-0-0	W1
St. Louis	44	21	17	2	4	119	128	48	14-8-0-2	7-9-2-2	4-5-0-1	W1
Columbus	45	21	20	3	1	118	142	46	12-10-0-1	9-10-3-0	4-5-1-0	L1
Calgary	45	20	20	1	4	122	132	45	11-8-0-1	8-12-1-4	6-2-0-2	W2
Edmonton	43	14	22	1	6	110	148	35	7-11-1-2	7-11-1-3	2-7-0-1	L1

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Yesterday's results
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Nashville at Chicago
Edmonton at Anaheim
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(All times Eastern)
Carolina at Boston, 1 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Calgary at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

CAPITALS 3, SENATORS 1

First Period
1. Ottawa, Fisher 12 (Foligno, Shannon) 1:12
Penalty — Kuba Ott (hooking) 1:39.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalty — Backstrom Wash (hooking) 10:34.
Third Period
2. Washington, Laich 9, 7:15
3. Washington, Carlson 5 (Backstrom) 8:00 (pp)
4. Washington, Chimera 6 (Steckel, Alzner) 13:31
Penalties — Michalek Ott (cross-checking) 7:58, Green Wash (interference) 19:27.
Shots

Ottawa	9	8	6	23
Washington	5	12	9	26

Goal — Ottawa: Elliott (L,12-16-5); Washington: Neuvirth (W,15-6-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-2; Washington: 1-2.
Att. — 18,398 (18,398) at Washington.

WILD 4, CANUCKS 0

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Alberts Vcr (high-sticking) 5:21, Volpatti Vcr, Staubitz Min (fighting) 9:51.
Second Period
1. Minnesota, Brunette 11 (Bouchard, Miettinen) 3:31 (pp)
2. Minnesota, Havlat 11, 11:09
Penalties — Miettinen Min (interference) 0:59, Hamhuis Vcr (tripping) 1:46, Ballard Vcr, Kobasew Min (fighting) 6:07.
Third Period
3. Minnesota, Cullen 9 (Brodziak, Schultz) 3:37 (sh)
4. Minnesota, Madden 6 (Kobasew, Cullen) 9:17
Penalties — Madden Min (holding) 2:29, Schultz Min (interference) 5:06, Schultz Min (interference) 15:54, Torres Vcr (interference) 17:30.
Shots

Vancouver	7	10	15	32
Minnesota	11	8	6	25

Goal — Vancouver: C.Schneider (L,8-2-2); Minnesota: Khudobin (W,1-1-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 0-4; Minnesota: 1-3.
Att. — 18,458 (18,064) at St. Paul, Minn.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Stamkos, TB	33	28	61
D.Sedin, Vcr	27	30	57
St. Louis, TB	19	37	56
H.Sedin, Vcr	9	46	55
B.Richards, Dal	18	34	52
Zetterberg, Det	16	34	50
Perry, Ana	23	26	49
Eriksson, Dal	16	32	48
E.Staal, Car	22	24	46
Kopitar, LA	16	30	46
Ovechkin, Wash	15	30	45
Sharp, Chi	25	19	44
Duchene, Col	18	25	43
Kesler, Vcr	24	18	42
Lidstrom, Det	11	31	42
Heatley, SJ	17	24	41
Byfuglien, Atl	16	25	41
J.Thornton, SJ	12	29	41
Briere, Pha	24	16	40
Iginla, Cal	18	22	40
Backstrom, Wash	11	29	40

Not including last night's games

GOLF

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At Honolulu
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Third Round

Mark Wilson	65-67-65—197
Steve Marino	65-67-66—198
Jimmy Walker	68-65-66—199
Matt Kuchar	65-68-66—199
Stuart Appleby	64-66-69—199
Shigeki Maruyama	65-65-70—200
Roland Thatcher	67-65-68—200
Chris Riley	66-69-66—201
Brendon de Jonge	68-67-66—201
Davis Love III	68-66-67—201
Matt Bettencourt	68-65-68—201
Justin Rose	65-68-68—201
Ernie Els	70-65-67—202
Rory Sabbatini	69-66-67—202
Tim Clark	68-68-66—202
Jason Day	69-67-66—202
Chad Campbell	67-67-68—202
Michael Connell	65-69-68—202
Nate Smith	65-68-69—202
Jeff Overton	67-68-68—203
John Senden	71-65-67—203
Anthony Kim	71-64-68—203
Tag Ridings	68-67-68—203
Kevin Na	67-67-69—203
Fredrik Jacobson	68-66-69—203
Boo Weekley	68-66-69—203
Alex Prugh	70-67-66—203
Arjun Atwal	67-68-69—204
Jerry Kelly	68-67-69—204
Steve Stricker	69-67-68—204
Cameron Beckman	69-67-68—204
Jarrod Lyle	68-65-71—204
Chris Kirk	68-67-70—205
Daniel Summerhays	71-64-70—205
Chris DiMarco	67-67-71—205
Kevin Chappell	70-67-68—205
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Michael Sim	68-67-72—207
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Marc Leishman	65-69-73—207
Billy Mayfair	67-70-70—207
Brandt Jobe	67-70-70—207
Ryan Palmer	68-69-70—207
Aaron Baddeley	73-64-70—207
Brian Gay	69-68-70—207
John Merrick	69-67-72—208
Jason Dufner	69-67-72—208
Spencer Levin	70-67-71—208
Matt McQuillan	**68-69-71—208**
Jesper Parnevik	70-66-73—209
Jason Bohn	68-69-72—209

Made cut but did not play Sunday

David Hearn	**71-68—139**

CROSS COUNTRY

WORLD CUP

At Liberec, Czech Republic
Men
Six x 1.6-kilometre Sprint (Classical Style)
1. Norway I (Ola Vigen Hattestad, Johan Kjoelstad), 21 minutes 47.1 seconds; 2. Sweden I (Jesper Modin, Mats Larsson), 4.4 seconds behind; 3. Norway II (Eirik Brandsdal, John Kristian Dahl), 0:08.1; 4. France I (Jean Marc Gaillard, Cyril Miranda), 0:09.6; 5. Russia I (Andrey Parfenov, Alexander Panzhinskiy), 0:10.5; 6. Sweden II (Robin Bryntesson, Calle Halfvarsson), 0:11.9; 7. Germany II (Daniel Heun, Oliver Wuensch), 0:22.3; 8. Germany I (Sebastian Eisenlauer, Josef Wenzl), 0:25.8; 9. Italy I (Fabio Pasini, Renato Pasini), 0:27.6; 10. Italy II (David Hofer, Fulvio Scola), 1:07.7.
Women
Six x 1.3-kilometre Sprint (Classical Style)
1. Norway I (Maiken Caspersen Falla, Marit Bjoergen), 19:30.8; 2. Italy I (Magda Genuin, Marianna Longa), 30.5 seconds behind; 3. Norway II (Kari Vikhagen Gjeitnes, Celine Brun-Lie), 0:43.6; 4. Finland I (Kerttu Niskanen, Pirjo Muranen), 0:46.8; **5. Canada (Daria Gaiazova, Banff, Alta., and Chandra Crawford, Canmore, Alta.), 0:51.6**; 6. Sweden I (Hanna Brodin, Hanna Falk), 0:54.0; 7. Germany (Hanna Kolb, Denise Herrmann), 1:23.5

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

SHOW COURT SCHEDULES

At Melbourne, Australia
Rod Laver Arena
Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, vs. Maria Sharapova (14), Russia
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, vs. Gisela Dulko, Argentina
Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, vs. Roger Federer (2), Switzerland
Night Session
Yanina Wickmayer (21), Belgium, vs. Jarmila Groth, Australia
Marcel Granollers, Spain, vs. Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia
Hisense Arena
Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, vs. Gael Monfils (12), France
Andy Roddick (8), U.S., vs. Jan Hajek, Czech Republic
Venus Williams (4), U.S., vs. Sara Errani, Italy
Justine Henin (11), Belgium, vs. Sania Mirza, India
Margaret Court Arena
Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, vs. Francesca Schiavone (6), Italy
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, vs. Regina Kulikova, Russia
Zuzana Ondraskova, Czech Republic, vs. Jelena Dokic, Australia
Peter Luczak, Australia, vs. Ivan Ljubicic (17), Croatia
Night Session
Rainer Schuettler, Germany, vs. Fernando Verdasco (9), Spain
Court Two
Lukasz Kubot, Poland, vs. Sam Querrey (18), U.S.
Li Na (9), China, vs. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden
Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, vs. Marco Crugnola, Italy
Kathrin Woerle, Germany, vs. Victoria Azarenka (8), Belarus
Court Three
Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, vs. Olivia Rogowska, Australia
Mardy Fish (16), U.S., vs. Victor Hanescu, Romania
Stanislas Wawrinka (19), Switzerland, vs. Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia
Alison Riske, U.S., vs. Svetlana Kuznetsova (23), Russia

SKIING

MEN'S SLALOM

At Wengen, Switzerland
1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, one minute 45.28 seconds (52.46-52.82); 2. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 1:46.21 (52.37-53.84); 3. Jean-Baptiste Grange, France, 1:46.27 (52.49-53.78); **4. Michael Janyk, Whistler, B.C., 1:46.40 (54.06-52.34);** 5. (tie), Benjamin Raich, Austria, 1:46.44 (52.97-53.47), and Mario Matt, Austria (54.53-51.91); 7. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 1:46.70 (53.63-53.07); 8. Cristian Deville, Italy, 1:46.74 (53.42-53.32); 9. Felix Neureuther, Germany, 1:46.75 (53.38-53.37); 10. Mattias Hargin, Sweden, 1:46.87 (53.73-53.14).
Also: 13. Brad Spence, Calgary, 1:47.00 (54.38-52.62)
World Cup Slalom Standings
(after five races)
1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 353 points; 2. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 276; 3. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 213; 4. Jean-Baptiste Grange, France, 182; 5. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 151; 6. Steve Missillier, France, 131
Overall World Cup Standings
(after 18 events)
1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 726 points; 2. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 511; 3. Silvan Zurbriggen, Switzerland, 469; 4. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 434; 5. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 433; 6. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 423; 7. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 419; 8. Carlo Janka, Switzerland, 415; 9. Ted Ligety, U.S., 408; 10. Romed Baumann, Austria, 385.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Man United	21	12	9	0	44	20	45
Man City	23	13	6	4	37	19	45
Arsenal	22	13	4	5	45	22	43
Chelsea	22	11	5	6	38	19	38
Tottenham	22	10	7	5	31	25	37
Sunderland	23	8	10	5	26	23	34
Bolton	23	7	9	7	34	31	30
Stoke	22	9	3	10	28	26	30
Newcastle	22	8	5	9	35	32	29
Blackpool	21	8	4	9	31	36	28
Blackburn	23	8	4	11	29	37	28
Everton	22	5	11	6	25	27	26
Liverpool	22	7	5	10	27	31	26
West Brom	22	7	4	11	29	41	25
Fulham	22	4	11	7	23	25	23
Birmingham	21	4	11	6	21	26	23
Aston Villa	22	5	7	10	24	39	22
Wigan	22	4	10	8	19	34	22
Wolverhampton	22	6	3	13	24	38	21
West Ham	23	4	8	11	22	41	20

Yesterday's results
Birmingham 1 Aston Villa 1
Sunderland 1 Newcastle 1
Liverpool 2 Everton 2
Tottenham 0 Manchester United 0

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA

Yesterday's results
Eintracht Frankfurt 0 Hannover 3
Kaiserslautern 1 Cologne 1

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
Cagliari 3 Palermo 1
Brescia 2 Parma 0
Catania 1 Chievo Verona 1
Cesena 0 AS Roma 1
Genoa 2 Udinese 4
Juventus 2 Bari 1
Lazio 1 Sampdoria 0
Lecce 1 AC Milan 1

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Yesterday's results
Valencia 2 Deportivo La Coruna 0
Almeria 1 Real Madrid 1
Barcelona 4 Malaga 1

FRANCE

LIGUE 1

Yesterday's result
Marseille 2 Bordeaux 1

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	2	2	0	1.000	25	16	—
Boston	2	2	0	1.000	20	13	—
Rochester	2	1	1	.500	20	22	1
Buffalo	2	1	1	.500	18	16	1
Philadelphia	2	0	2	.000	12	19	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	3	2	1	.667	30	28	—
Minnesota	2	1	1	.500	26	19	½
Colorado	2	1	1	.500	18	18	½
Washington	3	1	2	.333	30	39	1
Edmonton	2	0	2	.000	14	23	1½

WEEK TWO
Saturday's results
Boston 10 Edmonton 7
Buffalo 9 Philadelphia 6
Colorado 8 Calgary 7
Toronto 12 Rochester 9
Friday's result
Minnesota 16 Washington 8

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	30	9	.769	—
d-Miami	30	12	.714	1½
d-Chicago	27	13	.675	3½
Orlando	26	14	.650	4½
Atlanta	26	15	.634	5
New York	22	17	.564	8
Indiana	16	21	.432	13
Philadelphia	16	23	.410	14
Charlotte	15	23	.395	14½
Milwaukee	14	23	.378	15
Detroit	14	26	.350	16½
Toronto	13	27	.325	17½
Washington	11	27	.289	18½
New Jersey	10	30	.250	20½
Cleveland	8	32	.200	22½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	34	6	.850	—
d-L.A. Lakers	30	12	.714	5
d-Oklahoma City	27	13	.675	7
d-Utah	27	13	.675	7
Dallas	26	13	.667	7½
New Orleans	25	16	.610	9½
Denver	23	16	.590	10½
Portland	21	20	.512	13½
Memphis	19	21	.475	15
Phoenix	17	21	.447	16
Houston	18	23	.439	16½
Golden State	16	23	.410	17½
L.A. Clippers	14	25	.359	19½
Minnesota	10	31	.244	24½
Sacramento	9	29	.237	24

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Yesterday's results
L.A. Clippers 99 L.A. Lakers 92
Denver at San Antonio
Saturday's results
Houston 112 Atlanta 106
New Orleans 88 Charlotte 81
Washington 98 Toronto 95
Detroit 110 Sacramento 106
Chicago 99 Miami 96
Memphis 89 Dallas 70
Orlando 108 Minnesota 99
Denver 127 Cleveland 99
Portland 96 New Jersey 89
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Chicago at Memphis, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 1 p.m.
Utah at Washington, 1 p.m.
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 3 p.m.
Toronto at New Orleans, 3 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 3:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Golden State, 4 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	36	341	281	1026	28.5
Stoudemire, NYK	39	376	255	1015	26.0
Ellis, GOL	39	372	188	1001	25.7
James, MIA	40	347	266	1015	25.4
Bryant, LAL	41	363	254	1036	25.3
Wade, MIA	40	349	268	1003	25.1

Not including last night's games

NFL

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Yesterday's results
AFC
N.Y. Jets 28 New England 21
NFC
Chicago 35 Seattle 24
Saturday's results
AFC
Pittsburgh 31 Baltimore 24
NFC
Green Bay 48 Atlanta 21

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 23
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Green Bay at Chicago, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

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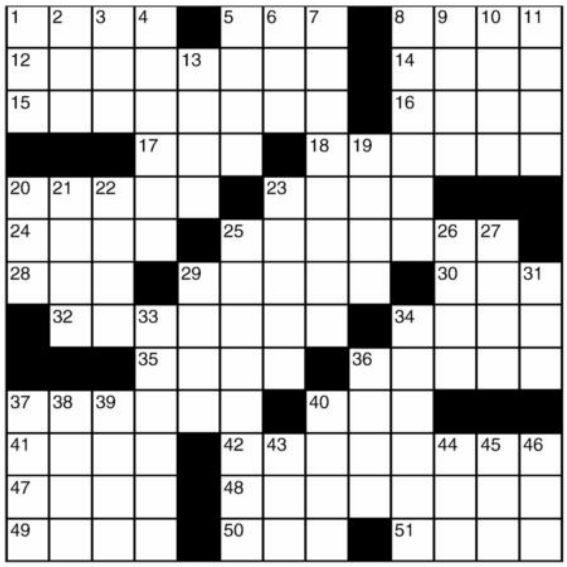

Across

1 Flightless flock
5 Discoverer's call
8 Impale
12 About 2.2 pounds
14 Operatic solo
15 Interweave
16 Covers
17 Remuneration
18 Andean pack
20 Sacred song
23 Line of fashion?
24 "Zounds!"
25 Become twisted
28 Angry dog's sound
29 South African statesman Jan
30 Sphere
32 Ugandan city on Lake Victoria
34 Stereo forerunner
35 Love god
36 Undressed
37 Some kind of a nut
40 Charged bit
41 Stench
42 Interlude during a play
47 Dalai —
48 Faith
49 Prayer ending
50 Scale member
51 Lip

Down

1 — out a living
2 60 sec.
3 Last (Abbr.)
4 Lathered
5 Unrestrained indulgence
6 Actor Holbrook
7 Brunch entree
8 Deli meat
9 Spruce up
10 Verdi opera
11 Low voice
13 Summertime pest
19 Rules and regulations
20 "Little Women" sister
21 Shrek, for instance
22 Mountain lake
23 Ignores
25 Shelters among vines
26 Cranny counterpart
27 Sea eagle
29 Withered
31 Physique, slangily
33 Iran's capital
34 Cope
36 Seaweed used to wrap sushi
37 Soda pop flavor
38 Leading man?
39 A handful
40 "— have to do"
43 Ultramodern (Pref.)
44 Spanish hero El —
45 Dress (up)
46 Away from WSW

▶ Yesterday's answer

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T	I	E	R	■	O	P	E	C	■	L	E	A
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Sudoku

					5	4		
			4	1		9		
3	4	2				8		
1			9		6		5	
	2						7	
	6		8		7			4
		5				7	8	2
		9		5	8			
		8	3					

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	3	8	2	5	4	9	6	7
7	5	2	9	6	8	1	3	4
6	4	9	3	1	7	2	5	8
3	9	4	1	8	2	6	7	5
8	1	6	7	9	5	4	2	3
5	2	7	4	3	6	8	9	1
9	8	3	6	7	1	5	4	2
4	7	1	5	2	9	3	8	6
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Aries March 21-April 20 Forget about the rules and ignore what other people say is the "right" way to act – the only thing that should matter to you is results.

Taurus April 21-May 21 If you make an effort to reach out to others today they will make an effort to do things for you.

Gemini May 22-June 21 Good fortune will come your way and no doubt it is well deserved. By all means enjoy yourself but don't lower your sights and be satisfied with less than you are capable of.

Cancer June 22-July 22 The more you have done for others the more others will now do for you. Today's Sun-Uranus link will bring the kind of unexpected development that makes you glad to be alive.

Leo July 23-Aug.23 Don't pretend that you are shocked by what you see and hear today when you knew it was going to happen. In a way you secretly hoped that certain individuals might behave outrageously.

Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Anyone who tries to impose restrictions on you must be told in no uncertain terms that you will not be limited by their ideas of how you should behave.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You have you own way of doing things and if you should stick to it no matter how hard others try to persuade you to change your ways to something more "modern".

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will be a lot more sociable today and that's good because the more you get out and about the happier you are likely to be. There's a great party going on somewhere.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may be tempted to do something outrageous to get yourself noticed but is that such a good idea? Yes it is. In fact it's a brilliant idea.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 The last few weeks have been special for you but what happens today will top it with ease. You may still have work to do but don't neglect your social life.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The Sun's entry into your birth sign later in the week marks the start of a more positive phase, one in which so many of your dreams will come true. In the meantime, stay alert for new opportunities. Expect the unexpected.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Act on impulse today. Do something on the spur of the moment. Not only will you enjoy yourself but you will impress important people with your can-do attitude.

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